Site # WA-HAG-200

Date: 1917

Property Name: (Historic) Cumberland Valley Railroad overpass

(Present) Conrail overpass

Location: Mitchell Avenue

Hagerstown, Maryland

Access: private X, public ____

Description:

This railroad bridge, dated 1917, is constructed of reinforced concrete and carries the Cumberland Valley Railroad, now part of the Conrail System over Mitchell Avenue in northwest Hagerstown. The bridge has flaring abutments that are struck with parallel incised lines. The spandrels include a central date tablet with flanking recessed panels. Concrete coping extends from the base of the wings to the top of the bridge.

Significance:

This bridge is significant as one of the few remaining early 20th century railroad resources in Hagerstown. Dated 1917, it is a documented example of the early history of use of reinforced concrete for bridge construction.

Historic Context:

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Economic/Social/Cultural Architecture

Resource Type: Rail-Related Resources

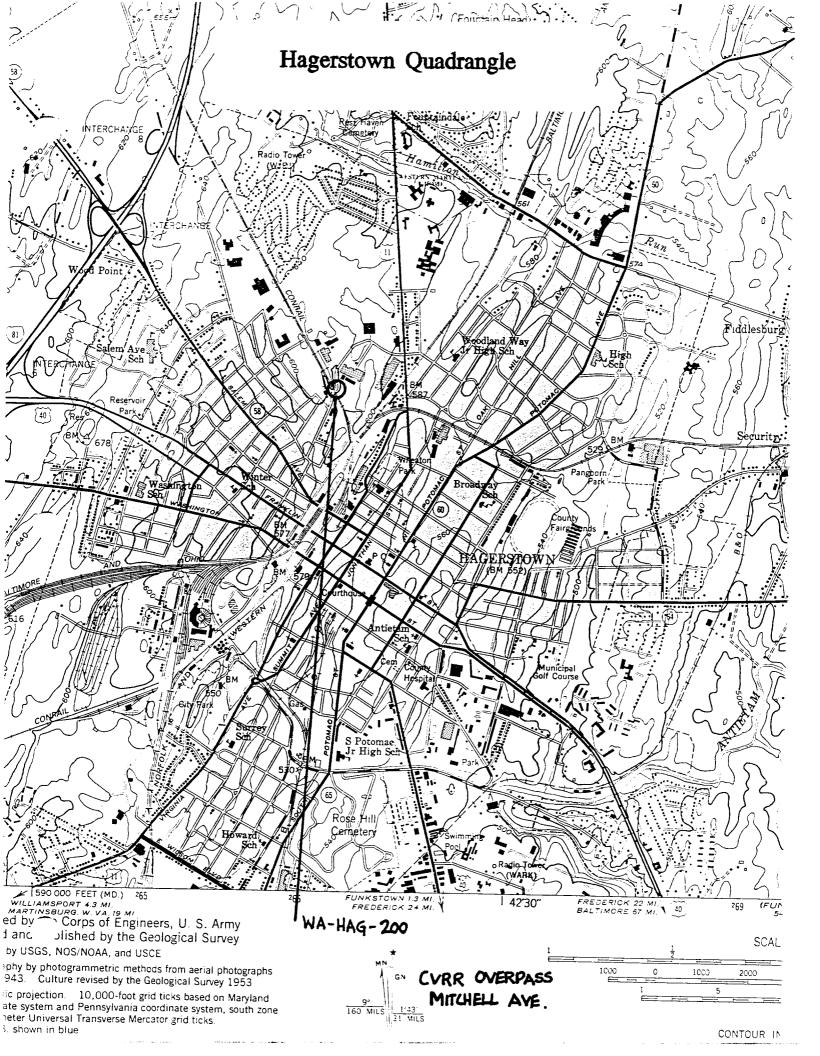
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